School enrolment in rural areas

2026. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a low school enrolment especially in rural areas,

(b) if so, the details thereof in rural areas especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the funds allocated for the primary and secondary schools in rural areas in Andhra Pradesh during the last one year;

(e) the funds utilized by the State Government; and

(f) the steps taken/to be taken by Government to improve the school enrolment in rural areas in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Details of All India enrolment and Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) as compared to that of Andhra Pradesh particularly relating to rural areas at primary, upper primary and secondary stages during 2002-03, as available with the Ministry, are given below:

(Figures in lakhs)

		Primary (Classes l-V)		Upper Primary (Classes VI-VIII)		Secondary (Classes IX-XII)	
		All India	Andhra Pradesh	All India	Andhra Pradesh	All India	Andhra Pradesh
Total	Enrolment	1223.98	86.16	468.45	33.67	332.14	25.69
	GER	95.39	95.39	60.99	63.12	37.52	40.12
Rural	Enrolment	926.08	64.49	305.35	22.82	170.51	13.00
Areas	GER	94.06	95.23	52.96	57.85	26.22	27.99

(c) As stated by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, main reasons for low enrolment in rural areas are illiteracy of parents, lack of community awareness and mobilization for enrolment to the expected level.

(d) and (e) As reported by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, total amount provided during 2004-05 (Plan & Non-Plan) is:

a. Primary Sector—Rs. 2731.87 crores

b. Secondary Sector—Rs. 1293.64 crores

The total number of school (Government and Local body) in upper primary sector are 60,290 and in Secondary sector are 7,680.

The expenditure on each school is:

(a) Primary Sector—Rs. 0.045 crores

(b) Secondary Sector—Rs. 0.16 crores.

(f) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that following steps have been taken to improve the school enrolment in rural areas:

- Special Enrolment Drive for enrolling all the school aged out of school children.
- School Education Committee are oriented on enrolling all the school aged children in the catchments areas of the school.
- Construction of new school building in every habitation.
- Strengthening of school monitoring through the visits of Mandal Resource Persons and Mandal Educational Officers twice a month.
- In 706 sporadic habitation, "Mobile Teachers" are proposed in providing education to all children.
- Providing Mid-day Meal in all the primary and upper primary schools.
- Distribution of free textbooks of all the children of primary classes.
- Distribution of free textbooks to disadvantaged groups like SCs, STs and BCs at secondary level.
- State Government is taking effective steps for eradication of child labour and bring such children into the fold of schooling.
- Introduction of audio visual education through C and KU Bank to utilize modern technology for promoting education and to provide access to quality education in remote rural areas in order to impart instruction through interactive mode.
- 1000 schools are provided with computers to provide access to computer literacy and computer aided learning.

Empowerment of women

†2027. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Indian tradition and culture wife is treated as all time **companion** of her husband, whether it is the state of happiness or sorrow;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.